

# THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

**12th November 2010**

Our **Remembrance Service** yesterday was held in the New Hall due to the poor weather conditions. RSM Conetta (Mrs Conetta's husband) laid the wreath under the flagpole with our head boy and head girl. The school band played the hymn with great gusto and Adam Teece and Nick Harris played the last post with poignancy. It is important that all the children are given an opportunity to remember the deeds of those brave men and women since WWI and to appreciate the dedication and bravery of our armed forces currently serving in dangerous areas of the world like Afghanistan. After the service RSM Conetta popped into Form 1 to talk to the children and allow them to see his smart uniform.

The **Christmas Fair** is nearly upon us on Sunday between 12.30-4.00pm. Please remember to buy a raffle ticket and on the day you'll be able to buy a delicious Thorngrove Christmas pudding from the children's school council. As you know from the flyer there will be many wonderful and exciting stalls; all we need now is your support.

This term children in Forms 4-8 will not be doing **school exams**. The more teaching time the children have, the greater amount they will learn. The old adage that weighing a pig will not make it any fatter is so true. The children will continue to do end of unit tests in many subjects and the summer exams remain very much in place. Parents with children in Form 9 already know the schedule for their children's mocks and final summer exam.

On Wednesday a **Masai warrior** visited the school. He was dressed in his traditional tribal clothes and entertained the children in Forms 1-4 with stories about his culture and life. Many of them learnt how to dance or jump like a Masai tribesman. I would like to thank Charlotte Opperman from Aardvark Safaris Ltd for organising this visit. Please see the photos at the end of the newsletter.

Form 6 parents' evening is on Monday 15th November in the New Hall between 6.00-8.30pm. A free-flow system will operate.

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It is important to give at least **half a term's notice** if your child would like to stop their music lessons. As you can imagine our music staff arrange their timetables carefully and they need sufficient notice to make any pupil changes.

Mr Brown would like to inform you that winter beanie hats with the school logo on are now available from him in the PE office for £6.50.

I would like to give you plenty of warning. On the last day of term, Wednesday 15th December, **After Care** will not be available. All children will need to be collected after the final carol service at approximately 3pm.

James Shone, a housemaster from **Monkton School**, will be here on Friday 19th November for the Headmaster's coffee morning in my house at 9am.

Finally, I will be sending you a copy of the ISI inspection report next week.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend and see you at the fair.

Kind regards,

Adam King  
(Headmaster)



SMILING!



JUMPING!

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## **BOYS' RESULTS**

### **U8 Boys v. Elstree**

A team	<b>Won</b>	<b>8-2</b>	Hart 4, Cardno 3 & Mitchell
B team	Lost	1-7	Franklin
C team	<b>Won</b>	<b>12-4</b>	Parkin 6, Dean Evans 3, Ryder, Fulbrook & Reed

### ***St. Francis U10 7-a-side tournament***

#### **A team**

v. Daneshill	<b>Won</b>	<b>1-0</b>	Fanning
v. Rookwood	<b>Won</b>	<b>1-0</b>	Lynas
v. St. Francis B	<b>Won</b>	<b>1-0</b>	Bailes

#### **B team**

v. Hatherden	Lost	0-2	
v. St. Francis A	Lost	1-2	Dean Evans
v. Sherfield	Lost	0-2	

#### **Semi-Final**

v. Hatherden **Drew 0-0 AET** – Lost 2-1 on sudden death penalties

#### **Final**

Daneshill beat Hatherden 1-0

### **U11's v. St. Francis**

A team	<b>Won</b>	<b>9-1</b>	Storey 3, Warren 3, Riley, Bhomer & Mitchell
B team	<b>Won</b>	<b>5-1</b>	Cameron 3, Oretti & Hebbes

### **U11A v. Birch Copse Primary (Reading) 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd District Cup**

POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN

**U11's v. Chandlings Manor** - CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN

**1<sup>st</sup> XI v. Winchester College U14's** – postponed until 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## **GIRLS' RESULTS**

U8 football v Daneshill 3-3

U8 netball v Daneshill 3-3

U9 hockey A v St Francis L 2-1

U9 hockey B v St Francis W 3-0

U11B hockey v Chandlings L 7-0

U11 A hockey v Chandlings L 6-0